

LEADER OF LEADERS COLLABORATIVE



“An effective principal’s impact is stronger and broader than previously thought, making it ‘difficult to envision’ a higher return on investment in K-12 education than the cultivation of high-quality school leadership.”

*Wallace Foundation,
“How Principals Affect Students and Schools: A Systematic Synthesis of Two Decades of Research,”
2021.*

School Leadership Matters

Research consistently demonstrates that school leadership is among the most critical factors in student success. As the Wallace Foundation affirms, no investment yields a higher return than developing high-quality leadership. In support of this evidence, the **Pennsylvania Principals Association** is pleased to announce the launch of its third cohort of the **Leader of Leaders Collaborative**.

The **Leader of Leaders Collaborative** is built upon the framework of the *School Leader Paradigm* and centers on an experiential approach to professional growth. At its core are four immersive site visits to businesses, industries and non-educational organizations, through which participants gain firsthand insight into diverse operational models and organizational practices. Each visit is followed by structured reflection guided by a central question: What are the implications of this organization’s practices for school leadership?

Principals who join the **Collaborative** will participate in four, three-day in-person sessions, earning **90 Act 45 hours** upon completion, along with three, one-hour virtual check-in sessions held throughout the program year. Grounded in the *School Leader Paradigm*, the **Collaborative** positions participants in their role as lead learners within a learning organization. Through a sustained cycle of inquiry, participants will develop actionable leadership plans and examine the contextual forces that shape and influence their leadership.

REGISTRATION

Scan the QR Code below to register!



Earn 90 Act 45 Hours!

COST

The cost for the yearlong experience is **\$3,750**.

This includes:

- Hotel accommodations – 8 nights.
- Meals for the four trips.
- Collaborative materials.
- Entrance fees where applicable.

Costs not included:

- Travel to four onsite visits: Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA; CHOP, Philadelphia, PA; Rock Lititz, Lititz, PA; and U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA.

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SESSION DATES AND DETAILS

July 14-16, 2026

KICKOFF SESSION

- Location: Pittsburgh, PA
- Visit: Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

September 24, 2026

Virtual Check-In 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

November 11-13, 2026

SECOND IN-PERSON SESSION

- Location: Philadelphia, PA
- Visit: Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP)

January 7, 2027

Virtual Check-In 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

March 31 - April 2, 2027

THIRD IN-PERSON SESSION

- Location: Lititz, Pa
- Visit: Rock Lititz

April 22, 2027

Virtual Check-In 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

June 15-17, 2027

FINAL IN-PERSON SESSION

- Location: Carlisle, PA
- Visit: U.S. Army War College

This is what your colleagues had to say about the Collaborative ...

"As a leader, I don't think I have been to anything more beneficial in the last 25 years than the Leader of Leaders Collaborative. I have learned so much and due to the receptiveness of the leaders of the group, it's always a conversation and learning together. It also allowed me to hold myself accountable and to learn from others."

- Dr. Danielle Curzi, Bermudian Springs School District

"The Leader of Leaders Collaborative is not a sit and get type of situation. It's active and it is what you make of it. The Collaborative is perfect for the person who's ready to take ownership of their situation and explore themselves. It's experiential learning about you and your influence in your school district, exploring your values and finding tools and resources that work within those values."

- Andrew Cress, Woodland Hills School District

"The thought of being vulnerable, learning something new and taking it back to your school is a great part of the Leader of Leaders Collaborative experience. Taking new ideas and reaffirming some that you already did know or thought were working well is an excellent learning experience. Highly recommend, unequivocally!"

- Dr. Matt Miller, Central York School District

Scan the QR code to view two short videos featuring school leaders from the 2025-2026 Leader of Leaders Collaborative cohort.



If you have additional questions, please contact ...

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